

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 16, 2015**  
**OPEN SESSION**

***MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2015 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN CLYDE HOLLOWAY, VICE CHAIRMAN SCOTT ANGELLE, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER LAMBERT BOISSIERE, COMMISSIONER ERIC SKRMETTA AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EVE KAHAO GONZALEZ.***

Open Session of December 16, 2015, convening at 11:11 A.M., and adjourning at 3:24 P.M., Natchitoches Events Center, 750 Second Street, Natchitoches, La 71457, with the above-named members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Eve Kahao Gonzalez.

<b>Ex. 1</b>	<p>Public Utility Section of the Louisiana Bar Association will be hosting its annual CLE on December 17, 2015 from 7:30am until 3pm at the City Club in Baton Rouge, LA. For additional information contact Jamie Watts.</p> <p>The Commission will have a Technical Conference on the Gas Hedging Pilot Program on January 5, 2016 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 9:30am.</p> <p>Chairman Holloway offered condolences to Emory Belton on behalf of the Commission for the loss of his mother.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell introduced Lee Posey, the Mayor of Natchitoches, LA; State Senator Gerald Long; and, Northwestern State University President, Dr. James Henderson.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell announced the passing of Robert Munson and offered condolences.</p>
<b>Ex. 2</b>	<p>2016 B &amp; E Meeting Schedule</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to accept the proposed 2016 schedule.</b></p> <p>On motion of Chairman Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the following 2016 Executive Session Schedule:</p> <p>January 26 February 24 March 16 April 20 May 18 June 22 July 20 August 18 September 21 October 19 November 17 December 21</p>
<b>Ex. 3</b>	<p><b>U-32507</b> - Cleco Power LLC., ex parte. In re: Application of Cleco Power LLC for: (i) Authorization to Install Emissions Control Equipment at certain of its Generating Facilities in order to comply with the Federal National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Coal and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Rule; and (ii) Authorization to Recover the Costs Associated with the Emissions Control Equipment in LPSC Jurisdictional Rates.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on ALJ Recommendation.</b></p> <p><b>(Ex. 8 on the November 18, 2015 B&amp;E Agenda)</b></p> <p><b>PASSED</b></p>

<b>Ex. 4</b>	<p><b>S-33646</b> - Cecilia Water Corporation, Inc., ex parte. In re: Supplemental and Amending Petition for Approval of Rate Increase and Capital Financing.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff recommendation.</b></p> <p><b>(Ex. 12 on the November 18, 2015 B&amp;E Agenda)</b></p> <p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<b>Ex. 5</b>	<p><b>U-33452</b> - Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corp., ex parte. In re: Application for Increase in Base Rates.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Agreement.</b></p> <p>On motion of Chairman Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed November 25, 2015 and entered into the record at the December 2, 2015 hearing.</p>
<b>Ex. 6</b>	<p><b>U-33593</b> - Cleco Power LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for (1) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Cleco Power LLC to construct, own, and operate a 40 megawatt generating unit at Cabot Corporation's Canal Carbon Black Plant in order to provide a source of renewable power for Cleco's customers; (ii) authorization to recover the costs associated with such 40 megawatt generating unit and related waste heat purchase and sale agreement in LPSC-jurisdictional rates; and (iii) expedited treatment.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Agreement.</b></p> <p>On motion of Chairman Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Term Sheet executed by the parties and filed into the record on November 20, 2015.</p>
<b>Ex. 7</b>	<p><b>S-33751</b> - CenterPoint Energy-Entex, ex parte. In re: Application requesting Approval to Recover its Costs Associated with the Gulf South Pipeline FERC Rate Filing through the Purchased Gas Adjustment Mechanism.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff recommendation.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve CenterPoint's request for an exemption to the PGA Order, with the following Staff recommended conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Such approval is contingent on the Settlement pending in FERC Docket No. RP15-65-000 being approved by FERC without substantive modification.</li> <li>2. CenterPoint is allowed to recover a maximum of \$384,000 in FERC litigation expenses solely for Docket No. RP15-65-000 through its PGA.</li> <li>3. The Commission's decision is specifically limited to the facts and circumstances of this particular application and should not be considered precedential regarding any other request for an exception to the PGA.</li> <li>4. Within 30 days of the finalized FERC Order, CenterPoint shall file a copy the FERC Order approving the Settlement.</li> <li>5. Within 30 days of the finalized FERC Order, CenterPoint shall file notice with the LPSC of changes in its PGA in the above described rate schedules to expressly allow for recovery of such non-recurring legal expenses being authorized by the Commission.</li> </ol>
<b>Ex. 8</b>	<p><b>U-33605</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C., ex parte. In re: Joint Application of Entergy Gulf States, L.L.C. for Certification of the Louisiana Economic Transmission Project in Accordance with Louisiana Public Service Commission General Order Dated October 10, 2013.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed on December 4, 2015 resolving all issues regarding the Company's application for certification of four related economic transmission projects.</p>

<b>Ex. 9</b>	<p><b>U-33856</b> - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Prudence review, including project costs, planning, construction cost control and all aspects of effective plant operations and dispatch of SWEPCO's 73% ownership of the John W. Turk, Jr. ("Turk") Plant in Hempstead County, Arkansas, in compliance with Order No. U-29702 consolidated with U-27866 Subdocket B, dated April 29, 2008.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside technical consultant.</b></p> <p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<b>Ex. 10</b>	<p><b>U-33856</b> - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Prudence review, including project costs, planning, construction cost control and all aspects of effective plant operations and dispatch of SWEPCO's 73% ownership of the John W. Turk, Jr. ("Turk") Plant in Hempstead County, Arkansas, in compliance with Order No. U-29702 consolidated with U-27866 Subdocket B, dated April 29, 2008.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside engineering consultant.</b></p> <p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<b>Ex. 11</b>	<p>FERC Docket No. EL10-55 and FERC Docket No. ER10-2001.</p> <p><b>In re: Possible executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 to discuss litigation strategy.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to enter executive session.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, with Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to exit executive session.</p>
<b>Ex. 12</b>	<p><b>R-33253</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Rule on Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Fossil-Fuel Fired Electric Generating Units under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.</p> <p><b>In re: Possible executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 to discuss litigation strategy.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to enter executive session.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, with Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to exit executive session.</p>
<b>Ex. 13</b>	<p><b>U-33434</b> - Cleco Power LLC, ex parte. In re: Joint Application of Cleco Power LLC and Cleco Partners L.P. for : (1) Authorization for the Change of Ownership and Control of Cleco Power LLC and (ii) Expedited Treatment.</p> <p><b>In re: Possible executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 to discuss litigation strategy.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to enter executive session.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, with Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to exit executive session.</p>
<b>Ex. 14</b>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions 4) <b>ERSC/OMS Business</b> <b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to ratify the vote taken by Commissioner Skrmetta acting as the Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.</b></p> <p>On motion of Chairman Holloway, seconded by Vice Chairman Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify Commissioner Skrmetta's vote taken on November 19, 2015 as the Louisiana Public Service Commission representative to the OMS Board of Directors.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>

<p><b>Ex. 15</b></p>	<p><b>U-33612</b> - Suburban Water Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for a rate increase in water service.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Commissioner Campbell.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement Agreement filed into the record on November 17, 2015, with enforcement provisions as clarified at the November 24, 2015 hearing.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 16</b></p>	<p><b>U-33645</b> - Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C, ex parte. In re: Application for Certification of Lake Charles Transmission Project.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</b></p> <p><b>At the Request of Commissioner Holloway.</b></p> <p>On motion of Chairman Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed on December 11, 2015 resolving all issues regarding the Company’s application for certification of the LCTP.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 17</b></p>	<p><b>T-33805</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Williams Well Service, Inc. (Delhi, Louisiana). In re: Alleged violation of La. R.S. 45:161 through 180.1, by operating beyond the scope of authority granted in LPSC 7707 on two counts; allegedly occurring on or about August 17, 2015 through August 18, 2015.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to accept stipulation pursuant to Rule 57.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Commissioner Campbell.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take this matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff’s recommendation.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 18</b></p>	<p><b>T-33806</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Denbury Onshore LLC (Delhi, Louisiana) . In re: Alleged violation pursuant to La. R.S. 45:171, by knowingly assisting Williams Well Service, Inc. in violating La. R.S. 45:161 through 180.1 and in operating beyond the scope of authority granted in LPSC 7707; as alleged in Docket T-33805.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to accept stipulation pursuant to Rule 57.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Commissioner Campbell.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take this matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff’s recommendation.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 19</b></p>	<p><b>U-33816</b> - South Coast Gas Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Rate Stabilization adjustment filing for the year ended June 30, 2015.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Unopposed Joint Report of Proceedings and Draft Order Accepting Report.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Vice Chairman Angelle.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Angelle, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and authorize SCG to implement the prospective rate adjustment of \$73,855 per the terms of the RSP.</p>

<b>Ex. 20</b>	<p><b>X-33192</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Examination of the Comprehensive Costs and Benefits of Net Metering in Louisiana</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on additional consultant budget.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Chairman Holloway.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, with Commissioner Angelle concurring and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Boissiere opposing, the Commission voted to approve the proposed 2-phase budget of Acadian totaling \$107,760 in consulting fees to assist Commission Staff in conducting: 1) a short-term rulemaking to develop a solution for unresolved post-cap remuneration issues; and 2) a more comprehensive rulemaking to examine appropriate changes to solar policies in Louisiana.</p>
<b>Ex. 21</b>	<p><b>U-33510</b> - Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Approval to Purchase Power Blocks Three and Four of the Union Power Station and Request for Timely Treatment and Cost Recovery.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on proposed LPSC Resolution requesting a prompt FERC decision in Docket NO. EC15-98-000 concerning Entergy's § 203 filing.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Chairman Holloway.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the proposed LPSC Resolution requesting a prompt FERC decision in Docket No. EC15-98-000 concerning Entergy's § 203 filing.</p>
<b>Ex. 22</b>	<p>FERC Docket Nos. ER14-1174 et al. and 14-1736 - Allocation of Costs Within MISO for Payments to the Southwest Power Pool</p> <p><b>In re: Possible executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 to discuss litigation strategy.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Commissioner Holloway.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to enter executive session.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, with Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to exit executive session.</p>

On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, with Commissioner Boissiere and Vice Chairman Angelle concurring and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to adjourn.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

There will be a Special Executive Session held on January 12, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.